



**COUNTY OF LOUDOUN  
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
REFERRAL MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kate McConnell, Project Manager, Planning Department **(MSC #62)**

**From:** Mark A. Novak, Chief Park Planner, Facilities Planning and Development **(MSC #78)**

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**Date:** October 19, 2012

**Subject:** **Brambleton Regional Park - Field Lights (SPEX 2012-0036)**

**Election District:** Dulles/Blue Ridge **Sub Planning Area:** Dulles

**MCPI #** 157-17-5653, 157-16-1062, 157-25-2434

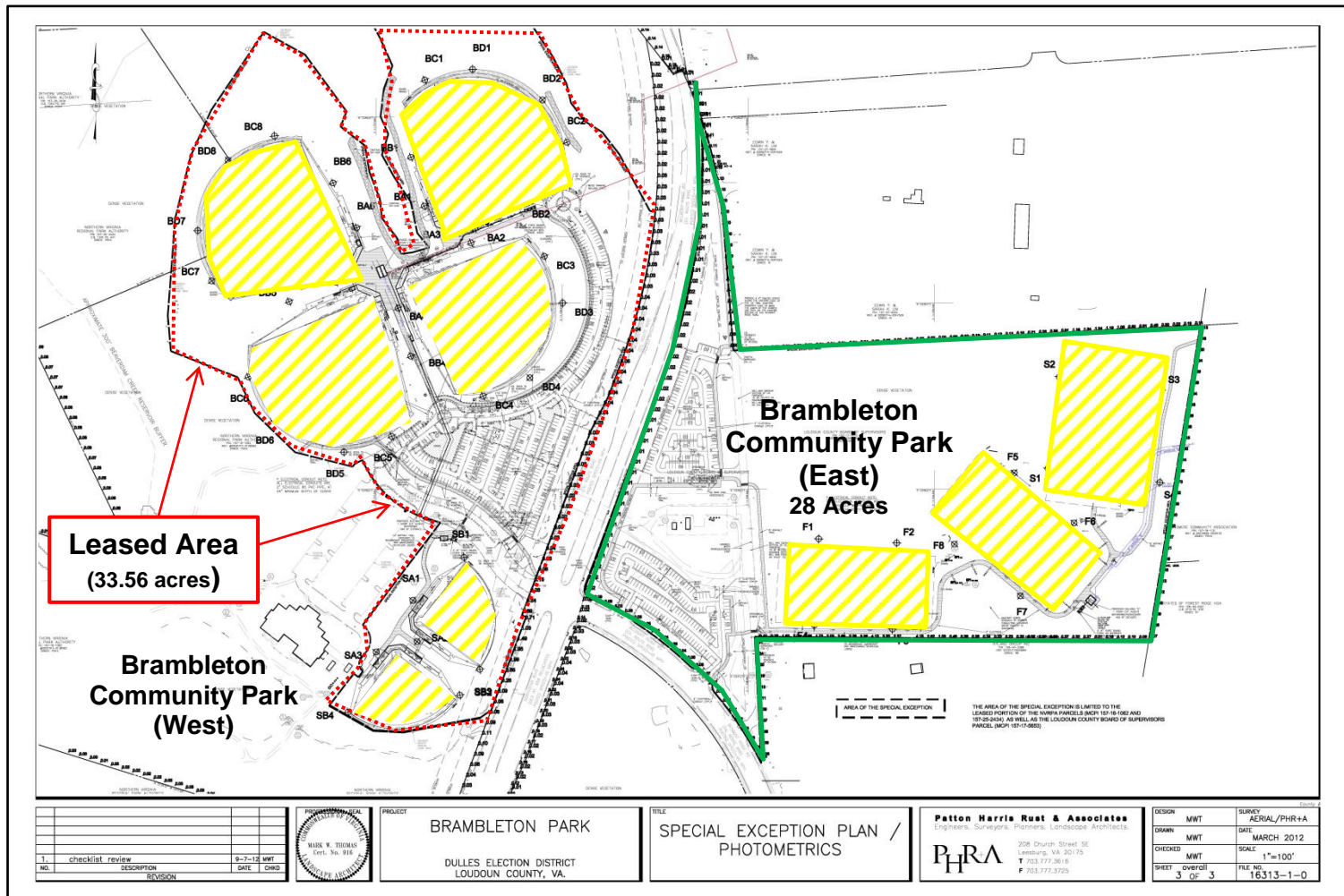
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**BACKGROUND:**

The Applicant, the County of Loudoun Department of Capital Construction and waste management seeks a special exception to allow sports fields lighting of the nine (9) fields at the Brambleton Community Park at the intersection of Route 659 relocated and Existing Route 659. This park site is subject to ZMAP 1993-0005, ZCPA 1993-0007, and SPEX 1993-0017. The site has been constructed per Loudoun County Site Plan STPL 2010-0022. Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services have requested that a special exception application be made to permit the nine (9) sports fields to be lighted. A goal of Loudoun County Parks Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) is to meet the county residents' need for recreation, leisure and supportive services. Currently the fields are used until dark, during the spring, summer and fall seasons. Lights will allow use of the fields extending past dark. The addition of lights to the existing fields within Brambleton Community Park is an efficient use of existing parkland to optimize the utilization of county owned facilities, as stated in the PRCS Strategic Plan 2010-2015 (*Organizational Strategies and Objectives Goal 3, Strategy 3.4, p. 11*).



LOCATION MAP



**Proposed Lighted Fields/Lease Area - Exhibit**

## COMMENTS:

With respect to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) we offer the following comments and recommendations:

1. The application is referenced as Brambleton Regional Park. The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) is the property owner of the parcel of land west of North Star Blvd. and Belmont Ridge Road (Route 659) which is known as Brambleton Regional Park. The County leases and operates 33.66 acres of parkland as identified in the exhibit above within the regional park. The

County owns the 28 acre parkland to the east of Belmont Ridge Road (Route 659). The application should be referenced as Brambleton Community Park (east/west) as not to confuse the existing regional park.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

PRCS has reviewed the referenced application and addressed issues that require correction. However, based on the application request to allow for lighting as a special exception, PRCS would not be in objection to approval of the application to allow for field lights to be installed.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-737-8992 or [mark.novak@loudoun.gov](mailto:mark.novak@loudoun.gov).